

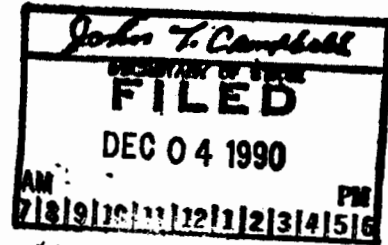
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Executive Department



State of South Carolina

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 90-32

WHEREAS, John Land Johnson, Lexington County Probate Judge, has been indicted by the Lexington County Grand Jury of five counts: three counts for officials misconduct under Section 8-1-80 of the *South Carolina Code of Laws* ("Code"); one count for breach of trust with fraudulent intention under Section 16-13-320 of the Code; and one count for embezzlement under Section 16-13-210 of the Code; and

WHEREAS, I am informed that John Land Johnson will be brought to trial pursuant to said indictments; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, §8 of the South Carolina Constitution requires the Governor to suspend any officer of the State or its political subdivisions when it appears to the Governor's satisfaction that probable cause of embezzlement exists against such public officer in charge of public funds; and

WHEREAS, I, as Governor of the State of South Carolina, am mindful of the duties and responsibilities vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State.

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NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of such authority, it is ordered that John Land Johnson, Lexington County Probate Judge, be and hereby is suspended from that office until such time as he shall be formally acquitted, and that **Dan Eckstrom**, shall serve as acting Probate Judge until such time that Mr. Johnson shall be convicted or acquitted.

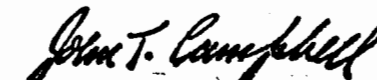
If John Land Johnson's term expires before such time that this matter is brought to trial, then Mr. Eckstrom shall succeed Mr. Johnson for the four year term in which Mr. Eckstrom was duly elected by the citizens of Lexington County.

This action in no manner addresses itself to the question of the guilt or innocence of John Land Johnson and shall not be construed as an expression of any opinion one way or another on the question.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND
THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE
OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS
4th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1990.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
Governor

ATTEST:


JOHN T. CAMPBELL
Secretary of State